

REMARKS

The Examiner's Office Action of February 14, 2005 has been received and its contents reviewed. Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the consideration given to the above-identified application.

By the above actions, claims 1, 4, 7, 10, 13 and 16 have been amended and claims 19-33 have been withdrawn. Accordingly, claims 1-18 are pending for consideration, of which claims 1, 4, 7, 10, 13 and 16 are independent. In view of these actions and the following remarks, reconsideration of this application is now requested.

Referring now to the detailed Office Action, the specification stands objected to as the title is deemed not descriptive. In response, Applicants have amended the title of the invention, as shown above.

Claims 1-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Hinata et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,610,742 – hereafter Hinata) in view of Kanbara et al. (U.S. Patent No 5,629,783 – hereafter Kanbara).

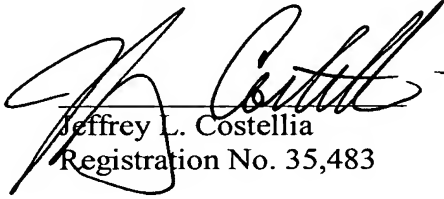
In response to the sole §103(a) rejection, Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 4, 7, 10, 13 and 16 to further specify that a light emitting element comprises an anode, a layer including a luminescent material and a cathode provided between the pair of substrates, as shown above. Applicants respectfully assert that Hinata and Kanbara fail to teach, disclose or suggest the amended features.

The requirements for establishing a *prima facie* case of obviousness, as detailed in MPEP § 2143 - 2143.03 (pages 2100-122 - 2100-136), are: first, there must be some suggestion or motivation, either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the reference to combine the teachings; second, there must be a reasonable expectation of success; and, finally, the prior art reference (or references when combined) must teach or suggest all of the claim limitations. Applicants respectfully submit that the disclosed inventions of Kanbara and Hinata do not disclose all of Applicants' claimed features, more particularly those amended features included in the amended claims herein. Hence, a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been established.

In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all the pending §103(a) rejection.

While the present application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, should the Examiner find some issue to remain unresolved, or should any new issues arise, which could be eliminated through discussions with Applicants' representative, then the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone in order that the further prosecution of this application can thereby be expedited.

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